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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS TO APPROPRIATE SENIOR COMMISSION OFFICIALS PRIOR TO SEPTEMBER 3 MEETING BETWEEN COMMISSION PRESIDENT ORTOLI AND GREEK FOREIGN MINISTER MAVROS:

-- WE HAVE NOTED NEW GREEK GOVERNMENT'S INTEREST IN RESUMING FORWARD MOVEMENT ON EC/GREEK ASSOCIATION AND REGARD THIS TO BE A POSITIVE DEVELOPMENT. THE US STRONGLY FAVORS ANY MOVE, SUCH AS CLOSER EC/GREEK TIES WHICH WILL HELP PRIME MINISTER KARAMANLIS IN HIS EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS IN GREECE.

-- IN VIEW OF CURRENT PROBLEMS IN EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN STEMMING FROM CYPRUS SITUATION AND CONSIDERING INTER-RELATIONSHIP OF POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND SECURITY ISSUES, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE KEEP EACH OTHER INFORMED OF OUR RESPECTIVE VIEWS AND POLICIES.

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WE HOPE TO BE KEPT FULLY INFORMED OF THE EC'S PLANS FOR RESUMING PROGRESS ON EC/GREEK ASSOCIATION.

2. FOR YOUR BACKGROUND INFORMATION ONLY, YOU MAY BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING THAT, IN AN AUGUST 23 MEETING WITH THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR, THE SECRETARY INDICATED THAT WE WOULD FAVOR GREECE'S MOVING CLOSER TO THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT FRANCE WANTED TO BRING THE NINE TOGETHER TO SUPPORT GREECE AND THAT THE EC MINISTERS WOULD MEET THIS WEEK TO TAKE UP RELATIONS WITH GREECE. KISSINGER
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